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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE NATO INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY GROUP (NIAG) MET IN
PLENARY SESSION AT NATO HQS, BRUSSELS, ON 5 FEB 74. PLENARY
SESSION HIGHLIGHTED PROBLEMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN NIAG AND CNAD
(CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS) MAIN GROUPS. US NIAG
DELEGATION REQUESTS WASHINGTON MEETING WITH ODDR&E AND OASD(I&L)
ON 20 FEB 74. END SUMMARY.

1. THE NIAG MET IN PLENARY SESSION BRUSSELS ON 5 FEB 74.
PRECEDING THE PLENARY SESSION, NIAG CONVENED AN AD HOC GROUP ON
AIR DEFENSE ON 4 FEB 74, RESULTS OF WHICH ARE REPORTED UNDER AGENDA
ITEM II OF REF.

A. ITEM I-APPROVAL OF SUMMARY RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
OF NIAG AND ITS PLANNING COMMITTEE. APPROVED.

B. ITEM II-NIAG'S STUDY ON AIR DEFENCE HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS.
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON AIR DEFENCE (TSGAD) AND
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THE CHAIRMEN OF THE NATO AIR FORCE ARMAMENTS GROUP (NAFAG), NATO
NAVY ARMAMENTS GOUP (NNAG) AND NATO ARMY ARMAMENTS GROUP (NAAG)
STATED THEY HAD EITHER NOT YET READ THE NIAG WORK PLAN, DID NOT
THINK IT WAS CLEAR ENOUGH, OR UNANIMOUSLY DID NOT FEEL THEY HAD

THE AUTHORITY TO PERMIT NIAG TO JOIN IN THEIR ACTIVITIES. THE TSGAD CHAIRMAN SAID THE ARMAMENTS GROUPS CONSIDERED NATIONAL INDUSTRY RELATIONSHIPS AND ARMS COSTS IN THEIR NORMAL OPERATIONS AND DID NOT NEED FURTHER HELP. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT INDUSTRY COULD BE HELPFUL IN SOME AREAS OF THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS, AND SPECIFICALLY PROPOSED A RADAR PROBLEM. NIAG ACCEPTED THE PROBLEM. INTERESTED COUNTRIES WILL MEET IN BRUSSELS MARCH 12-13 TO ORGANIZE EFFORTS. NIAG FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT NIAG REPRESENTATIVES SIT WITH THE VARIOUS GROUPS WORKING IN THREE AREAS: AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING (AEW), IDENTIFICATION FRIEND OR FOE (IFF), AND MEDIUM SAMs. THE CHAIRMAN CITED THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT OF THE CNAD TO EARLY INVOLVEMENT

BY INDUSTRIALISTS. NIAG EXPECTS THE NEXT CNAD AGENDA TO INCLUDE THIS MATTER OF NIAG/MAIN GROUP COORDINATION.

C. ITEM III-PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL COMPETITION IN THE FIELD OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS. THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT THE NIAG PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 16 NOV 73. FOLLOWING THAT

MEETING, NIAG ASKED THE CNAD TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILS, WHICH ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. THE NIAG WILL REVIEW THIS SUBJECT AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING.

D. ITEM IV-TASKS FOR NIAG SUBGROUP 2 IN 1974: PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK, TIMETABLE AND COST-ESTIMATE. SUBGROUP 2 EXPECTS TO COMPLETE ITS WORK IN OCTOBER 1974. THE CHAIRMAN (DELLICOUR, BELGIUM) RECOMMENDS THAT THE ALLIES FORM NATO PROJECT GROUPS TO TAKE OVER SPECIFIC PROJECTS FROM SG/2.

E. ITEM V-IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUBGROUP 1 ON ADVANCED APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEMS. NIAG SUBGROUP 1 HAS COMPLETED ITS ASSIGNED TASKS AND HAS RENDERED ITS FINAL REPORT. THE CHAIRMAN (WILLEKENS, BELGIUM) IS CONCERNED THAT WITHOUT DIALOGUE BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND EACH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, THE VALUE OF THE SG/1 REPORT WILL BE LOST. NIAG NOTED HIS CONCERN AND THE NIAG CHAIRMAN THANKED SG/1 FOR ITS EFFORTS. THE NIAG CHAIRMAN ASKED THE US NIAG DELEGATION TO REVIEW ITS EXPRESSION OF USG INTENT NOT TO INVOLVE UNCLASSIFIED

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THE US IN THE GROUND-DERIVED (EUROPEAN) LANDING SYSTEM. THE NIAG DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (WILLEKENS, BELGIUM)-ALSO CHAIRMAN OF NIAG SG/1) SUGGESTS THAT NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS OTHER THAN THE USG MIGHT ALSO BE INTERESTED IN THE AIR-DERIVED (US) SYSTEM.

F. ITEM VI-MONITORING OF FOLLOW-ON ACTION TO STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY NIAG SUBGROUPS. THE CHAIRMAN OF NIAG SG/5 (LANE, UK) REPORTED ON SG/5 ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF INFRA-RED (IR) SIGNATURES OF NAVAL SHIPS. THIS SUBGROUP WORKS WITH THE REPORTS TO THE NATO NAVAL ARMAMENTS GROUP (NNAG) INFORMATION EXCHANGE GROUP (IEG) 4. THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FROM IEG/4. THE NIAG CHAIRMAN (COL LACY, UK) REQUESTED THAT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

GENERAL FOR DEFENCE SUPPORT (DR. TUCKER) TAKE NECESSARY CORRECTIVE ACTION. US NATO COMMENT: MISSION IS ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM VALIDITY OF CHAIRMAN'S COMPLAINT. IDENTIFICATION OF INFORMATION REQUESTED AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF DENIAL ARE NOT CLEAR . END COMMENT.

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G. ITEM VII-ANY OTHER BUSINESS. THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION (LE NOBLE) QUESTIONED STATUS OF NIAG OBSTACLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS PAPER. THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE PAPER HAS BEEN NOTED BY CNAD AND IS TO BE REVIEWED ON OCCASION. NIAG EXPECTS A SPECIFIC ANSWER FROM CNAD ON FUNDING ASPECTS WITH EMPHASIS ON ALTERNATE SOURCES AND METHODS. THE NADREPS WILL REVIEW THIS PROBLEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

H. ITEM VIII-DATES OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND PLENARY MEETINGS.

17-18 JUNE 1974:

NIAG PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE NIAG PLENARY SESSION SCHEDULED FOR CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

2. THE US DELEGATION REQUESTED USNATO TO MAKE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR A US-NIAG MEETING WITH ODDR&E AND OASD(I&L) ON 20 FEB 74 IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

A. DEFREIFING ON AIR DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND NIAG PLENARY MEETINGS.

B. NIAG ACTION ON A SUBGROUP FOR AN AIR DEFENSE RADAR PROBLEM.

C. NIAG WORKING PROBLEMS WITH ARMAMENT GROUPS AND DR. TUCKER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

D. OPERATIONS OF US NIAG GROUP.

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MISSION SUGGESTS THAT WASHINGTON CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH US NIAG DELEGATION.

3. THE TONE OF THIS NIAG SESSION WAS SOMEWHAT COMBATIVE WITH RESPECT TO NIAG-CNAD MAIN GROUP RELATIONSHIP. DELEGATES HAVE THE IMPRESSION, ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY, THAT THE MAIN ARMAMENT GROUPS ARE RELUCTANT TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH NIAG. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE QUESTION OF LINE AUTHORITY OF THE CNASD AND ITS SUBSTRUCTURE AROSE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE OF COOPERATION (OR LACK OF IT). DR. TUCKER EXPRESSED THIS OPINION THAT THE LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR POSITIVE DIRECTION OF THE MAIN GROUPS BY THE CNAD EXISTED BUT THAT CNAD HAD NOT ALWAYS SEEN FIT TO EXERCISE THAT AUTHORITY. HE EXPECTS TO RAISE THE ISSUE AT THE NEXT CNAD MEETING.

4. AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD HOSTED A COCKTAIL/BUFFET FOR THE ENTIRE NIAG ON 4 FEB. THIS OCCASION PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT INFORMAL FORUM FOR THE DELEGATES TO DISCUSS THEIR MUTUAL AND INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS. THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION, FOLLOWING THE AIR DEFENCE MEETING, APPARENTLY CONTRIBUTED TOWARD THE SPIRIT OF NEAR-UNANIMITY WHICH WAS NOTABLE AT THE NIAG PLENARY MEETING THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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